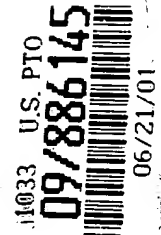


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the following reference. Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the examiner related co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/642,366 which is assigned to the same assignee.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, that this reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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